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**Betsy Lehman Center for Patient Safety  
and Medical Error Reduction**

**2010 Patient Safety Recognition Award**

**To:** All Interested Parties

**From:** Grant Carrow, Ph.D, Director

The Betsy Lehman Center for Patient Safety and Medical Error Reduction (BLC) is currently accepting nominations for the **2010 Betsy Lehman Patient Safety Recognition Award**. This year's award and patient safety theme focuses on improvements that have been realized through the adoption of tools and best practices to address **patient care transitions and care coordination**.

Originally established in 2005, this annual award recognizes leadership and innovation in patient safety, including public awareness, education and promotion of systems-based solutions through the implementation of best practices. Eligible applicants and nominees include healthcare facilities, organizations and individuals.

The 2010 award will honor those health care providers, organizations or persons that can best demonstrate and describe how the implementation of new tools and practices has resulted in safer and more effective transitions of patient care. For specific award review criteria and other pertinent details please see the official 2010 Nomination Form. All award nomination submissions are due by **December 1, 2010**.

If you have any questions, please contact Carla Cicerchia at:

[Carla.Cicerchia@state.ma.us](mailto:Carla.Cicerchia@state.ma.us) or (617) 753-7308.

## The 2010 Betsy Lehman Patient Safety Recognition Award – Nomination Form

*This annual award was established to recognize leadership and innovation in patient safety through the implementation of best practices that include public awareness, education and the promotion of system-based solutions.*

**The 2010 Betsy Lehman Patient Safety Recognition Award will focus attention on the importance of care transitions and honor those health care providers, organizations, or individuals that can best demonstrate and describe how their efforts to implement new tools/practices have resulted in safer and more effective transitions of care for patients moving from one setting to another.**

Eligible applicants include healthcare facilities (e.g. hospitals, long term care facilities, ambulatory care settings, etc.), organizations (e.g., home health care agencies), and individuals. Self nominations are accepted.

### I. Nominee Information

Name(s) of Health Care Provider/Organization/Individual:

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Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Review Criteria

*Factors that will be weighed by the review committee will include the following:*

- The degree to which the nominee can demonstrate patient safety improvement through the implementation of practices to address patient care transitions; (25%)
- The level to which family members/caregivers and patients have been utilized and engaged in the planning process concerning transitions of care; (25%)
- How data has been collected and used to measure performance improvement; (25%) and
- The apparent level of commitment to continuing improvement in care transition procedures and practices. (25%)

### III. Submission Format

Nomination packets should include:

- 1) Cover letter
- 2) Completed nomination form

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\* Definition of Care Transitions-“the transfer of a patient from one setting of care or one set of providers to another during the course of an episode of care” ([www.NTOCC.org](http://www.NTOCC.org)).

3) Maximum **5 page** narrative describing the patient safety initiative.

All nomination materials should be sent electronically to the following e-mail address:

[Carla.Cicerchia@state.ma.us](mailto:Carla.Cicerchia@state.ma.us)

By prior arrangement, the information may, if necessary, be postmarked to:

The Betsy Lehman Center for Patient Safety and Medical Error Reduction  
99 Chauncy Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02111  
ATTN: Carla Cicerchia

#### **IV. Timeline**

The deadline for submitting nominations is **Wednesday, December 1, 2010**.

Questions related to the awards process should be directed to Carla Cicerchia at (617) 753-7308 or the e-mail address above.

*The Betsy Lehman Center for Patient Safety and Medical Error Reduction (BLC) was launched in 2004 to serve as a clearinghouse for the development, evaluation, and dissemination of best practices for patient safety and medical error reduction. The BLC is named in honor of Betsy Lehman, a Boston Globe health reporter, who lost her life in 1994 following a medication error (chemotherapy overdose).*